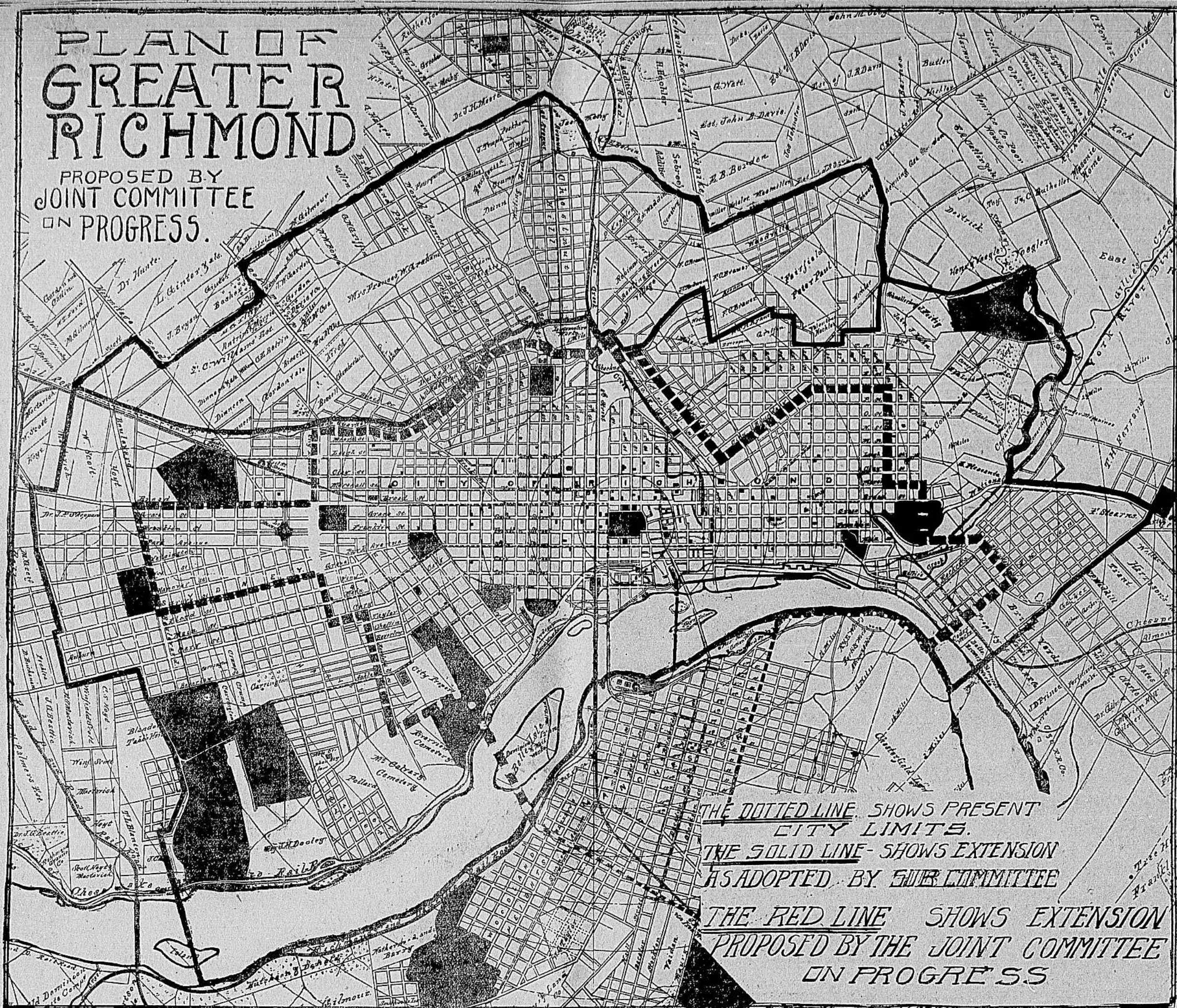


PLAN OF GREATER RICHMOND

PROPOSED BY
JOINT COMMITTEE
ON PROGRESS.



MAP SHOWING HOW IT IS PROPOSED TO EXTEND THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES.

The black lines on the map show the extended limits that have been practically agreed upon by the Council Committee on Annexation. The Joint Committee on Progress has adopted the southern, eastern and western lines as shown above, but proposes the red line as the northern boundary. This will bring Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill inside the city limits, and will, in addition, give a moderate amount of undeveloped territory for future city purposes.

The lines which have been tentatively adopted by the Council Committee add a total area of about 3,500 acres to the present acreage of the city. This will give Richmond slightly more than

double its present area within the city limits. It is pointed out, however, that of the area so added 1,000 acres is the bed of James River, while the remainder contains four cemeteries, and the part not in these is already so thickly settled as to leave but little field for development. The need for suitable sites for homes at reasonable prices for men of moderate salaries, to say nothing of land for parks and playgrounds, is keenly felt, and it is forcibly argued that Richmond should extend her boundaries so as to meet these conditions and prepare for the future as well.

Money is a prime and unescapable factor in this plan, and

it is solely a question of expense that deters some members from voting to include Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill at once, the argument being that as the city cannot afford to give those communities the conveniences they deserve, no annexation should be made. To this it is answered that under the Anderson bill these suburbs can have a bonded issue equal to 12 per cent. of their taxable value, provided the proceeds are spent in permanent improvements. Furthermore, Barton Heights has its own water works and Chestnut Hill has both streets and sidewalks of excellent construction. It is well said that Chestnut Hill and Barton Heights are in every essential already integral parts of the

city; that their population gains its livelihood in Richmond; that the proper and orderly development of all three demands annexation; that the suburbs need Richmond's fire and police protection, and water, sewer and gas service, while Richmond needs the beautiful sites for homes offered by these attractive suburbs as a relief to the overcrowded conditions of this city.

The enthusiasm of the people both in and out of the city, and the example of "Greater New York," "Greater Memphis" and "Greater Chicago," to name only a few thriving cities, lead the supporters of the policy of broad-gauged annexation to confidently expect that this city will soon be "Greater Richmond."

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INTEREST GROWS FOR ANNEXATION

Representative Citizens Have Been Interviewed on the Subject.

Interest in annexation continues to grow, and the series of meetings arranged by the Joint Committee on Progress, will serve to still further stimulate the demand for Greater Richmond. From all sides come unmistakable proofs of how deeply the public desires "Greater Richmond." The interviews from the prominent physicians, divines and business men, which have appeared in The Times-Dispatch, not only give the personal opinions of important and leading citizens on the step, but also show the powerful and convincing grounds upon which those opinions are founded.

With one consent the doctors agree that Richmond's high mortality is directly and probably due to the crowded conditions under which the citizens are compelled to live. In this connection it is pointed out that high density of population invariably means a high death rate, and this statement is simply borne out by a chart which has been prepared by the Joint Committee on Progress. Occasionally a city which is only moderately crowded may have a high death rate from other causes, but it may be laid down as a fundamental truth that no city can have a low death rate which is very densely populated. The effect of this fact and the obvious conclusion of this reasoning is making Richmond think, and think hard, on the annexation question.

Keeping Up Agitation. The Joint Committee on Progress is keeping up the agitation, and a series

of meetings have been arranged for further discussion of this vitally important question. Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill have every natural advantage for home sites, and it is obvious that they will sooner or later have to become integral parts of Richmond. Indeed, nothing but the action of the City Council's Committee on Annexation is keeping Barton Heights out of the city now. Chestnut Hill has also experienced the quickening spirit of co-operation and the meetings to be held in these towns promise great interest. A Citizens' Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. K. Bache, L. W. Bagland and Alfred Benson, has been appointed by Mayor John B. Ross, of Barton Heights, to serve on the Joint Committee on Progress. Chestnut Hill will also be represented on the Joint Committee on Progress by Messrs. Fritz Sitterling, J. M. Pourqurean and Julien Gunn.

The schedule of meetings is: Barton Heights, Parish House, Friday, 8:30 P. M.; Chestnut Hill, Northside Hall, Saturday, 8:30 P. M.; Richmond, Belvidere Hall, Monday, 8:30 P. M.

After the opening addresses, the meetings will be open for general discussion. The new order recruiting police sergeants to year chevrons went into effect yesterday, and the recruits appeared on the street arrayed in their decorations. The appearance of the men created favorable comment.

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DOUBLE HANGING MARKED THE DAY

Dancey and Austin Met Their Doom Without Slightest Hitch.

The two negroes, Peter Dancey and Edward Austin, were ushered into eternity at the county courthouse yesterday morning shortly before 7 o'clock. There were no hitches, everything passing off as smoothly as anything as awful as an execution can pass.

The two negroes passed away with manacled hands clasped, and with spiritual advisers near them. The condemned men spent the early part of the night quietly. As morning came on and the hour of the execution drew near, the negroes assumed the air of those who know their end was near, and prayers, earnest and serious, were offered to their God. Austin had been previously baptized in the Baptist faith. So had Dancey. The former had later preferred the Catholic faith, and he was, early in the morning, baptized according to the Catholic rites, and his soul was prepared by Father Hannigan with two sisters in attendance. The scene in the cell was most impressive, as the last sacrament was observed.

The two men, after eating their last breakfast, were manacled by the deputy sheriff, and led into the presence of the company of twenty witnesses, with the scaffold in all its grimness before them. They scarcely faltered as they walked up the steps to their doom, and prayers were offered by them as the trap was sprung. The two bodies hung suspended for ten minutes, when the physicians in attendance

pronounced them dead. The bodies were turned over to the State Anatomical Board.

Dancey's crime was that of fatally shooting a negro woman named Inez Ledbetter, and that for which Austin died was criminal assault upon a colored girl. Dancey's friends made strenuous efforts to save him from the gallows. A lawyer was engaged, who saw the members of the jury who sat in the case, and got most of them to sign the petition for commutation. The judge and Commonwealth's attorney would not sign. After reviewing the evidence fully, the Governor declined to interfere.

The verdict in the Austin case was accepted as final, and no steps were ever taken to have it reversed.

Austin assaulted a ten-year-old colored girl named Lillie Ross, and there was much excitement at the time. He was arrested by Officer Griggs. He was tried on January 19th and sentenced with Dancey.

LOOSE LEAF TOBACCO.

Receipts Very Light and Sales Rather Small.

The sales of loose leaf tobacco were small yesterday, the farmers in the sun-curing territory being too busy with new crop operations to bother about coming to market. The offerings at the warehouses on the slip were in the main made up of common goods, and the animated bidding that follows a delivery of strictly fine cured stuff was lacking. Indications are that the sales to-day will be even smaller than those of yesterday. The first sale will be at Stuewell's, second at Sheburn's, third at Crenshaw's, and fourth at Shockoe.

Revival Services Closed.

The revival services which have been conducted for ten days at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. C. W. Duke, of North Carolina, came to a close last evening. The meetings have been largely attended and much good has been accomplished.

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